

short time ago for *x*-ray dermatitis. On June 28th a portion of the other hand was amputated, including the four fingers. Great sympathy is felt for Dr. Hall-Edwards in his great misfortune, and it is sincerely hoped that the operations will relieve him from all pain, and that he will be free from any further trouble from the disease.

The new civil list pensions granted during the financial year ending March 31st include one of £120 to Dr. Hall-Edwards "in recognition of his devotion to the furtherance of radiography in its application to medical and surgical science."

## Ireland.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.]

### THE BELFAST POOR-LAW BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

DR. J. S. BRYARS, Mountpottinger, Belfast, has been elected Chairman of the Belfast Poor-law Board of Guardians. There was a deficit of about £4,000 at the end of the financial year, March, 1908, and the Local Government Board has recommended that reduction should be made in the outdoor relief. There are several other matters of importance to be decided in the near future, and the new chairman will have ample opportunity of exercising his talents in administration. Dr. Bryars has the goodwill and best wishes of the whole profession in Belfast.

### NEW MEDICAL KNIGHT.

The many friends of Dr. P. R. O'Connell were highly gratified when intimation was published that the honour of knighthood had been conferred on him. Sir Peter Beilly O'Connell was born in the County Cavan, and entered Queen's College, Galway, and subsequently studied in Dublin. He came to Belfast in 1883, and was appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Mater Infirmorum Hospital, of which he is now senior surgeon. Sir Peter O'Connell was for many years a member of the city council, and was elected High Sheriff in 1887, and has been made Deputy Lieutenant for the City. The profession will join in hearty congratulations to Dr. O'Connell on the honour which has been bestowed on him.

### PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO DR. SYDNEY BRICE SMYTH OF BELFAST.

A public meeting of the friends and patients of the late Dr. Smyth, whose sudden death has been so deeply deplored by a large circle of the profession and the public, was held in the Queen Street Hospital for Sick Children on June 23rd, to inaugurate a fund to perpetuate his memory by the endowment of a cot in the hospital. Dr. Smyth had been connected with the hospital for many years, first as assistant, and subsequently as full physician; he had devoted much time and energy to the study of disease in children, and his advice in their ailments was much valued. Consequently it was felt that no more fit and proper memorial to him could be chosen than the endowment of a cot in the hospital which he loved so well. A resolution was passed, and a committee appointed to carry out the object. Many of the medical staff were present and joined in the movement to the memory of their late colleague.

### PRESENTATION TO DR. WILLIAM GIBSON, J.P.

Dr. Gibson was the recipient of a handsome address and silver tea service on the evening of June 12th from the teachers of the National Schools, of which he is manager. Dr. Gibson has lately suffered from a severe illness which necessitated an operation. This was successful, and Dr. Gibson is again in excellent health, and has resumed full work. He has received many congratulations from both his professional brethren and lay sources. As the manager of many national schools he has worked hard for their advancement; and the various teachers united to show their appreciation of his services and their wishes and congratulations on his recovery.

### HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN.

Mr. Justice Barton had before him on June 11th the case of Dr. G. B. White and Mr. Francis Vance against Dr. C. M. O'Brien and other Governors of the Dublin Hospital for Diseases of the Skin. It was a claim to have an account

of the sums of money paid by the Managing Committee to Dr. O'Brien pursuant to an arrangement by which it agreed to purchase certain *x*-ray apparatus from Dr. O'Brien to be paid for by instalments. Dr. O'Brien was in the meantime to receive one-half of the profits of the working of the apparatus. The defendants traversed the main allegations. Judge Barton ordered an account to be taken from April 10th, 1902, of all moneys paid to Dr. O'Brien by the Poor-law unions and other public bodies in pursuance of the agreement up to the present, and that payments now being made to Dr. O'Brien should cease. Sir Robert Gardiner was appointed to audit the hospital accounts. The judge spoke flatteringly of Dr. O'Brien's services.

## Scotland.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.]

### EDINBURGH ROYAL INFIRMARY RESIDENTS' CLUB.

THE fourteenth annual dinner of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary Residents' Club was held on June 26th in the Caledonian Station Hotel, Edinburgh. Sir Thomas F. Chavasse, of Birmingham, President of the Club, occupied the chair. At the business meeting which preceded the dinner the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and disclosed the flourishing state of the club. Allusion was made to the deaths during the preceding year of Professor Annandale, late President of the club, and of Sir William Gairdner, K.C.B., and Sir Patrick Heron Watson, distinguished old residents. At an early stage of the dinner the President asked the permission of the club to telegraph its congratulations to two of its distinguished members, one a late President, Sir T. Lauder Brunton, and Sir W. Watson Cheyne, who had that day received honour from the King by the conferring of baronetcies upon them. The permission was most cordially granted. In proposing the toast of the evening, "The Residency," Sir Thomas Chavasse, in a very happy speech, recalled memories of the older days of the residency in the old infirmary, and told stories of former residents. On the back of the menu card was a reproduction of a photograph of the group of residents who were in the infirmary in the summer of 1887, a group which included the President. Of the twelve men composing the group two were dead and six of the remainder were present at the dinner. They were Dr. George A. Gibson, Dr. Murray of Inverness, Dr. W. N. Elder of Edinburgh, Dr. Allan Gray of Leith, Dr. Douglas of Cupar, and the President. The health of the President was proposed by Dr. Charles Begg of Bath, who alluded to the good feeling and cordial relationship existing amongst members of the medical profession in Edinburgh, and went on to speak of meetings such as the one which they were present at, and of how much they owed to such a chairman. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. Amongst the members who afterwards contributed songs or music were Professor Caird, Dr. James, Dr. Lovell Gulland, Dr. Kennedy, Dr. Harold Ballantyne, Dr. J. M. Darling, and Dr. E. A. Elder. Sixty-seven members of the club sat down to dinner. They included many who had come from a distance, there being, in addition to those named above, Dr. W. H. Dobie of Chester, Sir George T. Beatson, Dr. Crawford Renton, Dr. Johnston Macfie from Glasgow, and others. The dinner was one of the pleasantest in the history of the club, and owed a great deal to the geniality of the chairman and to the support which he received from Professor Chiene, C.B., and other well known members of the profession in Edinburgh who were present.

### TESTIMONIAL TO DR. CLOUSTON.

Sir William Turner has issued a circular suggesting that those who have been associated with Dr. Clouston should not allow him to sever his connexion with the Royal Edinburgh Asylum without some lasting recognition of his public services and of the esteem in which he is held. It has been suggested that he should be asked to sit for a subscription portrait, to be hung in the great hall at New Craig House, and also for a replica. If the funds admit, a photogravure would be issued to the subscribers. Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. R. Scott Moncrieff, W.S., 28, Rutland Square, Edinburgh, who is acting as honorary secretary and treasurer.